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PATENT

Applicant: Koblish et al.

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Title: Surgical Probe For Supporting Inflatable Therapeutic Devices In Contact With Tissue In Or Around A Body Orifice And Within Tumors

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AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE OFFICE ACTION

DATED JUNE 18, 2002

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 18, 2002, time for response to which has been extended by the enclosed petition to December 18, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 2, 29-32, 34 and 35 without prejudice.

Please rewrite claims 1, 5, 6, 9-13, 15, 17-19, 21, 24-27 and 33 in the following amended form:

1. (Amended) A surgical probe, comprising:
a relatively short, relatively stiff shaft defining a distal portion and a proximal portion; and
an inflatable, energy transmitting lesion formation element associated with the distal portion of the shaft that allows substantially no liquid perfusion therethrough.